

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

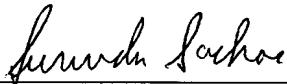
Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct minor informalities in the original specification and to delete a limitation from claim 11. The claim amendments are not believed to narrow the claims in any aspect.

The present application is believed to be condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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